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HONORED HIS REMAINS.

The Oriole City Mourns for President McKinley—Receptions Await the return of the Ministers—Col. Sly Gives a Stag—Political Managers at Work—The Social Mirror—Notes.

Baltimore, Md., Special.—The sorrowful countenances, decoration in mourning of public buildings and private residences, whispered conversations in public and private all tell with what sorrow this community is affected by the death of President McKinley. While the people were indulging the fondest hopes for his complete recovery, and preparations were being made to give a public demonstration thankfulness for his recovery, during this happy period came the shocking news of the fatal relapse, and the following anxious hours and moments until his sad death. At the several churches on Sunday appropriate sermons, extolling the good qualities of the deceased, denouncing the spirit of mob violence which is responsible for the sad taking off of our President. The funeral train passed through Baltimore at 7:20 on Monday evening, over the Pennsylvania railway, and thousands of people assembled and with bowed heads and tearful eyes saw the funeral train pass on to Washington.

The A. M. E. ministers who were delegates to the Ecumenical Conference in London, will soon return to resume their duties as pastors. Extensive preparations are being made at the several churches to give the returning pastors a hearty welcome. Rev. J. W. Beckett pastor at Trinity church, Rev. J. Albert Johnson, pastor of St. John's Rev. John Hurst, pastor of Bethel, will all be given public receptions by their several churches and elaborate programs are being arranged to make the events noteworthy.

"Col" George Sly who is a "fixtured" at the Arlington Hotel Washington and West End Hotel Long Branch, and an old Baltimorean stopped in Baltimore during the week, as is his custom every year. On Sunday last at the home of Mrs. William J. Gray, where the "Col" always stops, a sumptuous repast was given by the "Col" to a few of his friends. An elaborate menu was provided, and the genial "Col" spared no pains to make everything pleasant for his guest. Those present were: Councilman Hiram Watty, Ex. Councilman Harry L. Cummings, Jos. H. Smith, Walter W. Lewis, Jas. H. Hunter, Dr. Howard



REV. WILLIAM J. HOWARD,
Pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

E. Young, Charles J. Berkley Harry B. Jackson, Jas. Aikward, Dr. R. H. Johnson, Jas. M. Bright and Charles J. Gray. On Tuesday, the "Col." had a party of his friends to dinner, at Jordan's fishing shore.

Mrs. Blanche T. Cummings, wife of Hon. Harry L. Cummings and her daughter, have completely recovered under the skillful treatment of Dr. Wm. T. Carr, Jr., assisted by Miss Alice Harris, an experienced and trained nurse.

The City Council of Baltimore met on Monday evening, after a recess of several months. The meeting was merely formal. After adopting resolutions of sympathy on account of the death of President McKinley, the Council adjourned. Regular weekly meetings will be held now and many matters of importance will be passed upon during the winter. Councilman Watty, who is on several important committees, has several urgent matters of legislation to get through.

The work of the campaign has been temporarily suspended because of the death of the President, nothing but routine work being done. At the be-

ginning of next October, work will be done. Registration and naturalization will be the first work to be done after which instructions to illiterates, and public meetings will occupy the time until election day. The prospect is bright for a Republican victory.

Hon. Harry L. Cummings addressed a large audience at the Academy of Music, Cumberland, Md., on Friday evening of this week.

Dr. Howard E. Young, the pharmacist, is succeeding as the proprietor of the only colored drug store in the city. The Doctor has a full stock of the best drugs, is painstaking and courteous and is receiving the patronage of both races in his neighborhood. Dr. Young is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association and is highly respected.

Mr. Jacob C. Nicholson, the popular principal of Colored School, No. 112, has returned to the city from Atlantic City, where he has been engaged in the Sea Food and Game business. Mr. Nicholson is in the best of health, and spirits and is ready for the arduous duties of the school year.

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THE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrates Its Thirty-Seventh Anniversary in a Grand Way—Only Three Pastors in Thirty Seven Years—Rev. W. J. Howard, and His Matchless Work as a Minister, Organizer and Leader.

Zion Baptist church on F street between 3 d and 4 1/2 streets, s. w., celebrated its 37th anniversary from the 8th to the 15th of this month. It was indeed "seven days of joy and gladness in Zion," as well as seven days of rejoicing and giving. Zion Baptist church is one of the big churches of the colored Baptists of America, and though young as compared with a great many of them, it surpasses and stands near the front rank in its membership, its Sunday-school department, its Christian Endeavor work and the harmony which exists between these departments and the pastor of the church.

The history of the church is interesting, and though covering but a period of 37 years it has given the full measure, as well as exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends and members. In August 1861, a number of persons organized, held prayer-meetings and worshipped until July, 1863. They then moved into Jackson's School House, located at that time at Delaware Ave., and L street, southwest, where they remained until they built their first meeting house on June 1867. They later bought of Mr. Simpson on F street s. w., where in 1870 they built. Four houses of worship have been built in these 37 years. In this time three pastors have served, namely: Rev. William Walker [deceased] who served from 1864 to 1869; Rev. William Gibbons, [deceased] who served from 1869 to 1886, and the present pastor, Rev. William J. Howard, who has served until the present, average time of pastorage about 12 1/2 years.

The present number of members enrolled in this church, 2225; Sunday-school, 1380; Christian Endeavor, 350. This church was founded by the late Rev. William J. Walker with the following nine members, whom he baptised Sept. 12th; 1864:—Betsey Branson, Henry Conoway, Harriet Harris, Fannie Sydnor, Jane Gwynn, Susan Landon, Hannah Matthews, Nelson Elliot and Andrew Jackson.

From the very beginning this church seemed to be under the guiding star of the Master. It has grown from small beginnings to its present magnitude. When Rev. William J. Howard, the present pastor, was called to take charge of the church he accepted the honor

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